



SPANISH COMMUNITY in Rochester turned out last Sunday to greet Bishop Sheen as he dedicated the new Spanish center. The Bishop pauses to chat with some of those present after the ceremony.

## Spanish Center Dedicated, Off to Successful Start

By MONICA REEVES

If the 250 grinning, laughing and very proud faces gathered at the Spanish Center last Sunday were any indication, the opening phase of the Spanish Apostolate headquarters is a rousing success.

Leaders of Rochester's Spanish speaking community, civic leaders, and hundreds of olive-skinned people of Puerto Rican descent rubbed elbows, swapped local small talk, sang benediction hymns in Spanish, and craned their necks to look at Bishop Sheen at dedication ceremonies in the just renovated center of the diocesan Spanish Apostolate on Clifford Avenue, June 23.

After benediction services in the large meeting hall in late afternoon, Bishop Sheen addressed the gathering of what appeared to be representatives from every age group in the Latin community — from awed and respectful men, opulently-figured "las abuelas" (grandmothers) to squirming youngsters in black patent shoes and colorful cotton summer dresses.

In his talk, the Bishop said that the establishment of the center indicated that "we are a giving Church, not merely a receiving Church." (Reported cost of buying and refurbishing the former Concordia Hall is set at about \$80,000.)

The dedication seemed to offer itself as one for imparting, three lessons, the Bishop continued: first, gratitude, best expressed by faithfulness to God; second, unity, which should stem from the cultural unity of the Spanish-speaking people and cause them to work together effectively for the community; and third, patriotism, expressed by an im-



WARM TRIBUTE by Bishop Sheen to Father Roger Baglin, coordinator of the diocesan Spanish Apostolate, marked last Sunday's dedication of the new Spanish Center on Clifford Avenue.

grant people's working to produce great Americans, each offering something unique from their cultural heritage.

Bishop Sheen's special tribute to Father Roger Baglin, coordinator of the Spanish Apostolate, brought spontaneous, proud applause from the audience, who obviously were eager to make sure the Bishop knew their special claim to the priest's friendship.

"Father Baglin is the heart of this community," the Bishop said, "and I think he is more Puerto Rican than some of you," he added.

After the formalities had been dispensed with, the Bishop wandered among the people and suddenly it was like one big family reunion — with flashbulbs popping as eager Papa gathered his youngsters around the prelate for "Oh, please Bishop — a little picture with my girls . . ." and many Spanish greetings and hugs exchanged.

Meeting the officers of a youth group from the Center, the Bishop commented, "It's so good to see young people here. You boys must become lawyers, doctors, politicians — make your people proud of you."

But as the crowd followed the prelate around the building, eagerly pointing out its various features, it was obvious that that alone, just for now, was more than enough to make them proud.

## Is Listing Mass Intentions Necessary Every Week?

By ALEX MACDONALD

This is the fourth of a series of commentaries on parish bulletins, discussing the general features and specific merits of Sunday Bulletins observed in diocesan churches.

A seemingly absolute essential in every parish bulletin is the list of the Mass-intentions for the coming week.

Yet, because the mere listing of the Mass schedule, with the names of the deceased and the Mass-requesters, gets a monotonous layout from week to week and affects only a very limited readership, the Mass-list is the most glaring liability in every parish bulletin.

Should all those Mass-intentions get printed weekly? Why waste the space?

We asked a sampling of pastors for opinions on the value and necessity of including the Mass-intentions in their bulletins.

"A city pastor, who schedules four Masses daily, said flatly that the printed list "confirms the fact that requested Masses are being offered in the parish church."

But, he admitted, because of the volume of Mass-requests in his parish, the list sometimes doesn't report the names of deceased and Mass-donors until several months after the funeral. "By that time most people have forgotten that they wanted the Mass offered."

Another pastor insisted: "The prime purpose of printing the weekly Mass-list is to inform the family and friends that they might come to share the Mass for their deceased." He sadly acknowledged, however,

that such publicizing did not increase Mass attendance: "Folks hardly come out even for the month's mind or anniversary Masses." As a tool for inviting friends to Mass, the list is a general failure.

An Elmira pastor stated frankly that Mass-listings catered to the "vanity of the donors and the families of the deceased." Too many people want to see their name in print for the Mass-offerings they have made, he complained.

Many pastors, he revealed, would like to send Mass-intentions to missionaries, thus assuring a speedier fulfillment than is possible in the heavy backlog of the parish Mass-book, but "parishioners want the Mass publicized right here whether they can attend it or not."

Most pastors defended their bulletins when we asked: "Is the space you take for the Mass-list justified when other more readable and profitable copy might be put there? Is that information of interest and importance to a sizable portion of your weekly readers?"

What material would be more useful for the readers than the weekly Mass-list?

The following suggestions point to "adult education via the bulletin":

- 1) An outline or recap of the Sunday sermon, for taking home to review the homily's best points;
- 2) Teaching on current issues: a series of informative articles (St. Lawrence Church in Greece had a fine series recently on abortion); signed commentary by the Pastor or assistants on their concerns over parish life; instructions on liturgy; history; discussion of school issues.
- 3) Borrowed material: excerpts from a good editorial in a publication perhaps not seen by many parishioners; a sizeable quote from a book or magazine article; part of a good movie review to teach film-appreciation.
- 4) Pictures or parish news, less cramped for space.

Perhaps brashly, but seasoned by the experience of looking through hundreds of bulletins in recent weeks, may we make the following suggestions:

- 1) If it must, let the Mass-list be printed in very small type and put in a bottom corner of the bulletin, where those who wanted to find it, but where it would not impede other more generally useful copy.
  - 2) Instead of printing it at all, why not put the Mass-list on a poster at the church entrance only for daily-Massgoers to see, or have the celebrant announce the intention of the Mass just as he enters the sanctuary?
  - 3) Inform families by post card that their relative's Mass-intention will be fulfilled on a certain day and hour. This personal invitation might be more effective in getting attendance.
- Next week: Money-matters in the bulletins, and other subjects rarely noted.

### Pastoral Appointment

Rev. Robert A. Meng has been appointed pastor of Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, the Pastoral Office announced today.

Father Meng, presently in Dahomey, Africa, where he has been serving with the U.S. Bishops' Catholic Relief Services since July 1966, will replace Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty at Holy Rosary in October when Bishop McCafferty leaves the pastorate to make his residence in the Southern Tier.

Ordained in 1945, Father Meng's parish assignment before going to Africa was at Corpus Christi Church, Rochester.

### Churches Plan Summer Class

Five churches will join forces this summer to form an Ecumenical Summer School for children, kindergarten through the 8th grade.

Calvary Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Episcopal, Lutheran Church of Peace, South Ave. Baptist and St. Boniface's will operate the school at three sites on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., July 9 through Aug. 1.

Registration blanks may be obtained at any of the five participating churches.

## PAT ANSWERS

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Q. Is it a dogma of the Church that Christ's actual body ascended into Heaven? Could this be a symbolism in the Gospel-story?

—N. K. L., Horseheads.

A. It is a dogma: the Gospels of St. Mark and St. Luke declare what the Church takes to be a real fact. The Acts of the Apostles says: "He was lifted up before their eyes." Later in the Acts, when Stephen was being stoned to death, he is quoted as saying: "I see the Heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:55)

Q.—A devout Protestant friend has told me that the word "Purgatory"

does not occur in the Bible. How can I explain the foundation of our Catholic use of the term if it is not biblical?

—D. T. M., Rochester.

A. The Bible does not use the word Purgatory any more than it uses Trinity. But just as it gives the sense of the word "trinity" when we are told to baptize in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, so it gives what is described by the word "purgatory" when it tells us that souls will be purified after death to fit them for heaven. St. Paul in I Corinthians 3:15 reveals that fire will test the quality of everyone's work in life.

### At St. Joseph's Motherhouse

## 17 Sisters Take Final Vows

Seventeen Sisters of St. Joseph made their perpetual vows June 22 at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen in the Motherhouse chapel. Concelebrating with him were 14 priests who are friends of the Sisters who were professed.

The profession itself took place after the Offertory Procession, which was made up of friends and relatives. After the vows were pronounced, the Sisters received from the Bishop the crucifixes which mark the finally-professed Sisters of St. Joseph.

The names of the finally-professed Sisters are:

Sister Ann Marie Lortscher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lortscher, St. Patrick's Parish, Victor.

Sister Katrina Amos, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Stanley Amos, St. Cecilia's Parish, Elmira.

Sister Marcelana Koesterer, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Martin Koesterer, Immaculate Conception parish, Rochester.

Sister Bride Reynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick J. Reynolds, Joan of Arc Parish, Bronx, New York City.

Sister Joella Fitzpatrick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick, Immaculate Conception Parish, Ithaca.

Sister Robert Sold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Sold, St. Theodore's Parish, Rochester.

Sister Jude Mrzywka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mrzywka, St. Stanislaus Parish, Rochester.

Sister Margarethe Kunder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kunder, Holy Apostles' Parish, Rochester.

Sister Richard Schoenfelder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schoenfelder, St. Anne's Parish, Rochester.

Sister Andre Sadonick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Sadonick, St. Casimir's Parish, Rochester.

Sister Joachim Proia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Proia, St. Margaret Mary Parish, Rochester.

Sister Leonardo Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Greene, St. Mary's Parish, Auburn.

Sister Margot Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Mann, St. Monica's Parish, Rochester.



Bishop Sheen presents crucifixes marking perpetual vows to Sisters of St. Joseph kneeling in their Motherhouse Chapel at the climax of ceremonies on Saturday, June 22. Seventeen Sisters made their profession of final vows in the diocesan community during a Mass concelebrated by the Bishop and 14 priests.

Sister Eugene Wels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Wels, Blessed Sacrament Parish, Rochester.

Sister Mercia Messare, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Messare, Nativity of B.V.M. Parish, Brockport.

Sister Regia Kircher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kircher, Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Rochester.

Sister Francis Staropoli, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Staropoli, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Rochester.

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